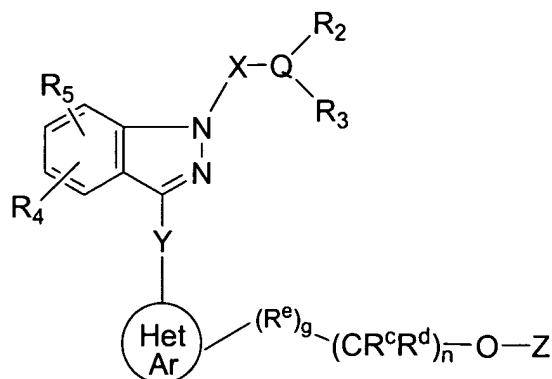


In the Claims

1 (Currently Amended) A compound of the structural formula I:



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Formula I

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, *in vivo* hydrolysable ester, enantiomer, diastereomer or mixture thereof: wherein,

10 R represents hydrogen, or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^c and R^d independently represents hydrogen or halo;

R^e represents N or O;

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X represents -(CHR₇)_p-, -(CHR₇)_pCO-;

Y represents -CO(CH₂)_n-, CH₂, or -CH(OR)-;

20 Q represents N, or O, wherein R₂ is absent when Q is O;

R_w represents H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C(O)C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C(O)OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -SO₂N(R)₂, -SO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl, -SO₂C₆₋₁₀ aryl, NO₂, CN or -C(O)N(R)₂;

25 R₂ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, OH, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₁₋₆ alkylSR, -(CH₂)_nO(CH₂)_mOR, -(CH₂)_nC₁₋₆ alkoxy, -(CH₂)_nC₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl, -N(R)₂, -COOR, or -(CH₂)_nC₆₋₁₀ aryl, said alkyl, heterocyclyl, or aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from R^a;

- R₃ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, -(CH₂)_nC₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl, -(CH₂)_nCOOR, -(CH₂)_nC₆₋₁₀ aryl, -(CH₂)_nNHR₈, -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂, -(CH₂)_nN(R₈)₂, -(CH₂)_nNHCOOR, -(CH₂)_nN(R₈)CO₂R, -(CH₂)_nN(R₈)COR, -
- 5 (CH₂)_nNHCOR, -(CH₂)_nCONH(R₈), aryl, -(CH₂)_nC₁₋₆ alkoxy, CF₃, -(CH₂)_nSO₂R, -(CH₂)_nSO₂N(R)₂, -(CH₂)_nCON(R)₂, -(CH₂)_nCONHC(R)₃, -(CH₂)_nCONHC(R)₂CO₂R, -(CH₂)_nCOR₈, nitro, cyano or halogen, said alkyl, alkoxy, heterocyclyl, or aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups of R^a;
- 10 or, R₂ and R₃ taken together with the intervening Q form a 3-10 membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic carbon ring optionally interrupted by 1-2 atoms of O, S, C(O) or NR, and optionally having 1-4 double bonds, and optionally substituted by 1-3 groups selected from R^a;
- 15 R₄ and R₅ independently represent hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, OH, C₁₋₆ alkyl, COOR, SO₃H, -O(CH₂)_nN(R)₂, -O(CH₂)_nCO₂R, -OPO(OH)₂, CF₃, OCF₃, -N(R)₂, nitro, cyano, C₁₋₆ alkylamino, or halogen;



- represents ~~C₆₋₁₀ aryl or C₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl~~ phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthrenyl, pyridyl, said ~~aryl or heterocyclyl~~ phenyl, naphthyl, phenanthrenyl, pyridyl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from R^a;
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Z represents (CH₂)_nPO(OR)(OR*);

- 25 R* represents hydrogen, or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R₇ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, -(CH₂)_nCOOR or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂,

- R₈ represents -(CH₂)_nC₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or -(CH₂)_nC₅₋₁₀ heteroaryl, -(CH₂)_nC₆₋₁₀ aryl said heterocyclyl, aryl or heteroaryl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from R^a;
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- R^a represents F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, N(R)₂, NO₂, CN, -COR₈, -CONHR₈, -CON(R₈)₂, -O(CH₂)_nCOOR, -NH(CH₂)_nOR, -COOR, -OCF₃, -NHCOR, -SO₂R, -SO₂NR₂, -SR, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)O-, -(CH₂)_nO(CH₂)_mOR, -(CH₂)_nC₁₋₆ alkoxy, (aryl)O-, -(CH₂)_nOH, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)S(O)_m-, H₂N-C(NH)-, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)C(O)-, (C₁-C₆ alkyl)OC(O)NH-, -
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(C₁-C₆ alkyl)NR_w(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₁-C₆ alkyl)O(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₁-C₆ alkyl)S(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(CH₂)_n-Z¹-C(=Z²)N(R)₂, -(C₂₋₆ alkenyl)NR_w(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₂₋₆ alkenyl)O(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₂₋₆ alkenyl)S(CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₂₋₆ alkenyl)-C₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl-R_w, -(C₂₋₆ alkenyl)-Z¹-C(=Z²)N(R)₂, -(CH₂)_nSO₂R, -(CH₂)_nSO₃H, -(CH₂)_nPO(OR)₂, C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, C₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, and C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, said alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, heterocyclyl and aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, CN, NO₂, OH, CON(R)₂ and COOR;


10 Z¹ and Z² independently represents NR_w, O, CH₂, or S;
g is 0-1;
m is 0-3;
n is 0-3; and
15 p is 0-3.

2(Original). The compound according claim 1 wherein p is 1-3, Y is -CO(CH₂)_n, Q is N, X is -(CHR₇)_p-, or -(CHR₇)_pCO-,.


20 3(Original). The compound according claim 1 wherein Q is O and R₂ is absent.

4(Original). The compound according to claim 2 wherein Z is PO(OR)(OR*), R₂ is C₁₋₁₀ alkyl or C₁₋₆ alkylOH, Y is -CO(CH₂)_n and R₃ is (CH₂)_nC₃₋₁₀ heterocyclyl, said heterocyclyl and alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups of R^a.

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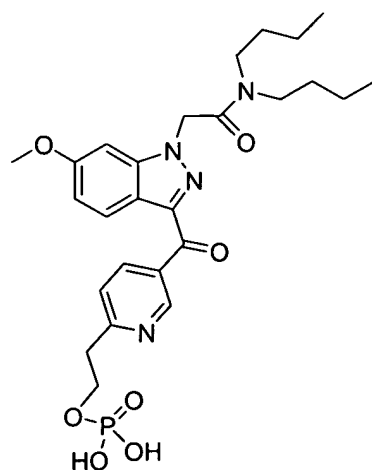
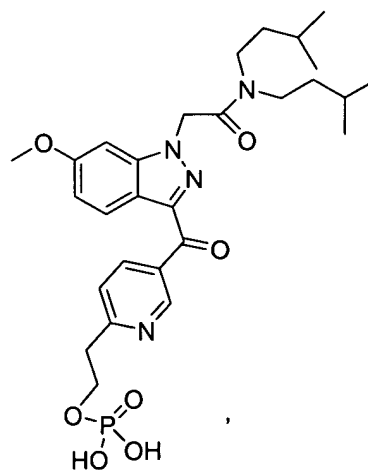
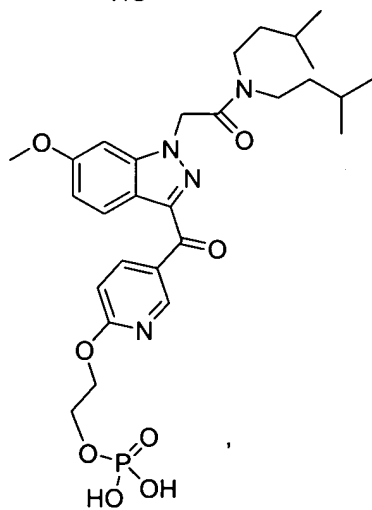
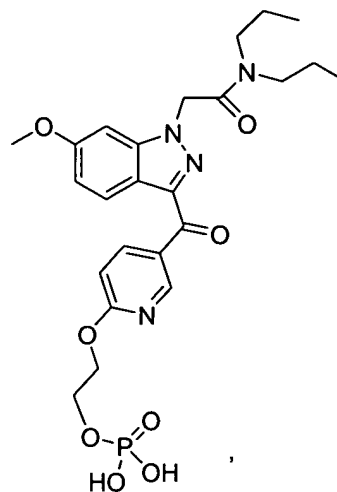
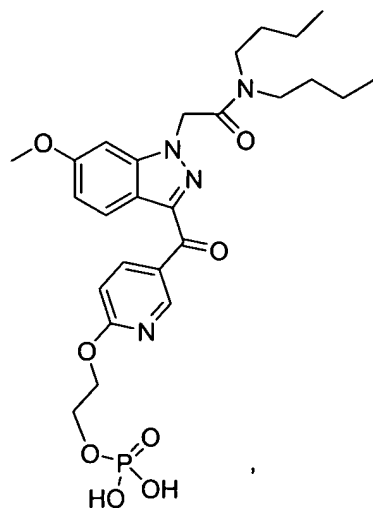
5(Original). The compound according to claim 4 wherein  is a 6 membered heteroaryl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from R^a.

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6(Currently Amended). A compound according to claim 1 5 wherein  is pyridyl optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from R^a.

7(Original). · A compound according to claim 1 which is in the form of a sodium or disodium salt.

8(Original). A compound which is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, in vivo hydrolysable ester, enantiomer, diastereomer or mixture thereof.

5 9(Previously Presented). A method for the treatment of ocular hypertension or glaucoma comprising administering a compound of formula I accordingly to claim 1.

10 10(Previously Presented). A method for the treatment of macular edema, macular degeneration, increasing retinal and optic nerve head blood velocity, increasing retinal and optic nerve oxygen tension, and/or a neuroprotective effect comprising administering a compound of formula I accordingly to claim 1.

15 11. Canceled.

 12. Canceled.

20 13(Original). A composition comprising a compound of formula I of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

 14(Original). The composition according to Claim 13 wherein the compound of formula I is applied as a topical formulation, said topical formulation administered as a solution or suspension and optionally containing xanthan gum or gellan gum.

25 15(Currently Amended). A composition according to claim 14 wherein one or more of an active ingredient belonging to the group consisting of: β -adrenergic blocking agent, parasympatho-mimetic agent, sympathomimetic agent, carbonic anhydrase inhibitor, EP4 agonist, a prostaglandin ~~or derivative thereof~~,
30 hypotensive lipid, neuroprotectant, and/or 5-HT2 receptor agonist is optionally added.

 16(Original). A composition according to claim 15 wherein the β -adrenergic blocking agent is timolol, betaxolol, levobetaxolol, carteolol, or levobunolol; the parasympathomimetic agent is pilocarpine; the sympathomimetic
35 agent is epinephrine, brimonidine, iopidine, clonidine, or para-aminoclonidine, the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor is dorzolamide, acetazolamide, metazolamide or brinzolamide; the prostaglandin is latanoprost, travaprost, unoprostone, rescula, or

S1033, the hypotensive lipid is lumigan, the neuroprotectant is eliprodil, R-eliprodil or memantine; and the 5-HT₂ receptor agonist is 1-(2-aminopropyl)-3-methyl-1H-imidazol-6-ol fumarate or 2-(3-chloro-6-methoxy-indazol-1-yl)-1-methyl-ethylamine.